TO ADD THOUSAND MEN AT ARSENAL

BARING OF GIGANTIC WIRE TAPPING PLOT IS PROMISED BY NEW YORK POLICE HEAD

Commissioner Woods Eager SCHOOL CHILDREN to Tell Secrets in Muni tions Conspiracy.

NATION IS INVOLVED

Executive Hints That Intrigue Affects the American Government.

Washington, May 19. Repre-sentative Loft of New York intreduced a resolution for investigation by a house committee of tive members, of tapping of wires in New York today by city an-

New York, May 19 .- Police Commissioner Arthur Woods is ready and apparently eager today to tell the Peace. of telephone wires why the police heart of the business district. listened on the wire to the offices of |

State Senator George F. Thompson, nounced that he expects to spend a chairman of the committee, promised few moments visiting Henry Ford at Mr. Woods he should have an opporrunty to disclose the facts in justification of the action of the police After a conference in which Sena tor Thompson, the police commission-er, the district attorney and Mayor

Mitchel took part, District Attorney Swan gave out the information that the wire in question was tapped be cause J. P. Morgan and company had complained that confidential cablegrams from the French government to manufacturers in this country.

The district attorney was informed rebellion,

portant matters affecting the national Feinism. government, said Mr. Woods

It was reported that the police had been informed that a foreign agent posing as the representative of tusman government had purchased war munitions, ostensibly for the entents allies and had smuggled them

Mayor Makes Accusation.

Mayor Mitchel in a statement ising firm of Seymour and Seymour.

Chairman Thompson had announced set for the executions, ping would be continued at today's session although in executive session Thompson told Corporation Counsel Lamar Hardy, representing Mayor Mitchel, that "there is not now and never was a question of international interest involved in the case." This was ufter Hardy had protested against further inquiry into the Seymour case on the ground that national interests were at stake if publicity was given

County Not Connected?

Senator Thompson prior to this had said there was not evidence that federal authorities were connected with the wire tapping, asserting it was representing J. P. Morgan and company, with whom Seymour and Seymour had dealings in regard to a mufittions contract.

"I lastst," said Hardy to the chair-'that there is national interest involved and I defy you to show to the

"I don't have to prove it and I won't replied Chairman Thompson. This committee is prepared to go on With its investigation and I don't think it proper that there should come from any source the imputation that the investigation is interfering with questions involving the national goverament. It is a funny thing that no government official is in a position. to know anything of the alleged goverament plot or knew of it except to say they heard it through the news-

Sunday Faces Operation.

Kansas City, Mo., May 18. - Billy Sunday will go to Baltimore immedlately after his last sermon here for an operation. The evangelist is suffering from a double hernia, brought on by his strengous work.

Colonel Is Given Ovation on Arrival in Detroit by Young Folk of That City.

GREETROOSEVELT

Detroit, Mich., May 19.-Hundreds. at the American Day celebration.

head of an automobile parade he made lish authorities in time to save Lyuch a short address to the boy scouts who were lined up in front of the station. Washington, May He told them he believed in their or- the trial of Jeremiah C. Lynch, from ganization because it taught them to the American consul at Dublin dated fight for the truth and "not to be mollycoddles."

onel Roosevelt spent nearly two hours in privacy before he went to a local tial. opera house to deliver an address on

This afternoon Colonel Roosevelt begun an inquiry into police tapping meeting in Grand Circus park in the executed at daybreak today. Before he returns to New York, late the law firm of Seymour and Seymour. mobile tour of the city. It was an-

the latter's automobile factory

London, May 19 .- Augustine Birrell, that firm regarding the buying of war who resigned as chief secretary for material had been stolen from the Ireland after the Sinn-Fein revolufirm's offices and sold to munition tion, appeared today as a witness be-manufacturers in this country. fore the royal commission which is Seymours Not in Plot. conducting an inquiry into the Irish has determined to make no response infantry f that copies of the French cablegrams and been received by men who had desk room in the offices of Seymour and Seymour, but that this firm had nothing to do with the matter. These cablegrams, the district attorney said, gave directions as to the war munificant to the chief of the chief of the chief of the chief to the chief to the last American note upon the the most part to the sector west of the subject. Information to this effect is subject. Information to this effect is contained in confidential advices received here from Berlin.

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details on this point, Nation Is Involved?

At the outset of the hearing Mr. BirBefore testifying today, the police rell stated that he had read Sir Mattion to her citizens in the United Dolante in the Argonne. commissioner said the theft of the in- thew's statement and that he did not States to obey laws. German officials formation from the Morgan offices was know that there were any additions or feel that the only remaining cause of only one reason why the police tap modifications he wished to make. He friction is the case of Wolfe von Igel, the wire. "There was another then read a statement which he had secretary to the recalled German mili-

reason which I am not at liberty to prepared and which he described as tary attache, arrested in New York in tell because it has to do with most im- dealing in a general manner with Sinu connection with a plot to blow up the prevent a small salient of our line near Welland canal.

MEXICANS HANG FOR RAID ROLES ORPET DRAINING

Brownsville, Tex., May 19.- The sued from his office today accused first legal executions in punishment Sengtor George F. Thompson, chair- for the slaying of Americans in border man of the executive committee which raids by Mexican bandits last summer has been investigating wire tapping and fall were set for today with the activities of the police "of treachery hanging here of Melquaides Chapa and Selected in Secret for Large to the United States" because of his Jose Buenrostro, found guilty of murattempt to investigate the tapping of der in connection with the death of A. the telephones of the munitions deal- L. Austin and his son, Charles, in a g firm of Seymour and Seymour.

This statement was issued after

Aug. 6, 1915. No exact hour has been capitalists, society leaders, golf eninthe Argonne."

Waukegan, Ill., May 19. — Chicago in the Argonne."

Austro

Latest Bulletins

San Francisco, May 19, General Chen Chi-Nei, a high official of the Chinese revolutionary party. was assassinated by three alleged Yuan Shi-kai supporters in Shanghai last night, advices to the Chinese Republic association, stated today. Two of the assassins were

London, May 19, British warships and aeroplanes have bom-barded the town of El Arish, in Egypt, near the border of Palesand are believed to have destroyed the fort there, it was announced officially today. El Arish on the Turkish line of communications from Syria to Egypt.

Paris, May 19, One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian scaport of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania, This information was received here in advices from Innsbruck. It is supposed here that the Austrians intend to make a strong attack on the Albanian town of Avlona which is occupied by the Italians,

fen Rockwell of Atlanta, Ga., a member of the American flying German aeroplane operating near Hartmanns-Weilerkonf, The German machine was brought down

Lynch's Fate Is Mystery; Slated to Die

New York, May 19 .- The fate of Jeremiah C. Lynch, an American citizen. who was to have been shot at day break in Dublin, is believed to be French Admit Gain by Ger screened by strict censorship. No word regarding the man who had been convicted of complicity in the Irish rebellion had come over the cables up to 9 o'clock this morning. President Wilson made an 11th-hour plea for a stay of execution just before midnight FIGHTING IS VIOLENT last night in Washington. Owing to the difference in time Lynch was to school children waving American have faced the firing squad about flags, were among the throng which three hours after Wilson had directgreeted Theodore Roosevelt at the ed that a cable be sent to London askrailway station this forenoon, when he ing that the execution be deferred un arrived here to be the guest of honor til the American government could make an investigation into the case.

Before Colonel Rosevelt was driven to the Detroit Athletic club, at the ident Wilson's plea reached the Eng

Washington, May 19.-A report on yesterday was received at the state department today from Ambassador After lunceon at the club, Col- Page at London. It said Lynch was tried yesterday by a field court mar-

An apparent omission in the coded "Americanism and Preparedness for message made its interpretation un certain to state department officials. It was suggested, however, that Lynch state executive committee which has was to make a short address to a mass was to have been either sentenced or

Secretary Lansing's message intervening in Lynch's behalf apparently this afternoon, he is to make an auto- had not been received by Ambassador Page when he forwarded his report.

GERMANY CLOSES

Berlin Government Lets It Be Known That Negotiations Are Considered at an End.

Washington, May 19. - Germany, The presence of the chief to the last American note upon the the most part to the sector west of the

tions to be purchased for France and the prices to be paid for them.

Sub-Lieutenant Navarre, one of the best known French aviators, who retain the prices to be paid for them.

Count von Bernstorff has asked for the return of papers taken from Von back into their trenches. Igel but the request so far has been

VENIRE SUPPLY

Selected in Search for Jurors in Case.

thusiasts and professors who live in Lake county today faced possibility of serving on the jury which is to try Will ville.) - Austrian troops are continu- tions, either for man or horse, but H. Orpet, young collegian, for the ing to advance at points on the Italian this work brought out another dismurder of Marian Lambert, his school front, the official statement of May 18 tinctive value of thoroughly trained submitted to the national convention girl sweetheart.

county have been exhausted with captured Costabella small results and today the court bailiffs in their search for prospective port follows: turors, said that if the jury was not vade the estates of wealthy residents operations were impeded and pass by farm house doors.

When the examination of a new attempted to recapture positions near venire of one hundred men summoned Bagni which they lost recently but yesterday was begun at the morning they were repulsed.

session today, Judge Donnelly repeat"In the Col Di Lana district repeated the animals would have perished unasked and warned them not to seek tro-Hungarian troops attacked be rigidly enforced.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow. fer Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight. Saturday perature:

esterday, 61. Lowest last night, 45. r hour. Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 43; at

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster. war of the commanders."

TEUTONS GET **NEW FOOTING** NEAR VERDUN

mans in Terrific Assault on Hill 287.

Great Battle on the Western Front Is Resumed With Added Intensity.

Berlin, May 19 (via London, 3:05 p. m.)—French trenches on both sides of the Haucourt-Esnes high road, on the Verdun front, west of the Meuse, have been cap tured by the Germans, the war office announced today. Nine French officers and 120 men were taken prisoner.

The announcement says the captured French positions extend to the neighborhood of the southern corner of Ducks wood.

lent fighting on a large scale was re- dits and then released, it was said sumed on the Verdun front last night. I'wo fresh divisions of German troops ceived with some surprise, although a attacked French positions at Avocourt number of prisoners have been capwood and Hill 304 west of the Meuse. The war office announces the attacks in the main were unsuccessful, although the Germans obtained a footing in a small post south of Hill 287, which lies just to the east of Avocourt wood.

The Germans attempted to recaptook on the preceding day but their

Infantry fighting was confined for

With the apparent end of the sub- man aeroplanes, brought down his

French War Report.

The text of the statement follows: "In the western part of the Argonne region the enemy has endeavored to planes for scouting the cavalry recon-St. Hubert. Our curtain of fire checked value. Four sets of conditions develthe Germans and they were thrown oped, under which the aeroplanes

"On the left bank of the Meuse yes-terday German forces renewed violent airy did its most efficient scouting in attacks near Avocourt wood and Hill darkness, or under cover of rain to dislodge us, except at a small work bandits was accomplished under cover south of Hill 287. Several endeavors of night, which made surprise attacks to continue their progress at this point possible. were definitely checked by the French

erate artillery activity. 'A German aeroplane was brought

10th German aeroplane near Dolante, the cavalry horses.

Austro War Report.

says, although the Italians are under- cavalry. This was the cavalryman's of the party for adoption in Chicago Venire after venire of farmers and taking vigorous counter strokes. The individual skill as a horseman, which of the most humble citizens of the Austrians crossed the Luan valley and country have been exhausted with

soon completed they would have to in- and on the Carpathian sector, artillery ed, and with rifles or pistols. The dif- Hilles and other members of the re-Southeast of Monfalcone the Italians infantry lay in the years of careful

ed his caution to the veniremen that hostile attacks were made without der the handling of anyone except an they answer truthfully the questions success. In the southern Tyrol, Austerpert horseman, to escape from jury service by ex-captured the frontier ride of Maggio pressing a trivial opinion. The court between the Astico and Leno Valley also announced that the literacy test, crossed Luan Valley southeast of Pithe stumbling block which has sent azza and took Costabella. They remany veniremen from the box would pulsed several hostile attacks south of Moschere on the Segnatorta.

"We captured yesterday more than nine hundred Italians, among whom H were 12 officers, and took 18 cannon and machine guns

The official Italian reports of May 16 and 17 state that the Austro-Hunhowers. Not much change in tem- The losses of the enemy can be esti-Temperature at 7 a. m., 50. Highest the field. The Italians are not in that heir as heir to the estate of Fred a. m.) The government is considering The Austro-Hungarians, Matters. position. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles while appreciating at its full value the garian losses have been exceedingly had one year of schooling and worked all union workmen. There is a grave Stage of water, 11.1; a fall of 3 in fantry, the powerful protection given she could not even write her name, prevented an internal conflict will be by the artillery and the experience in She said she had been engaged to mar- brought about which might prove a

15 Mexicans Die at Hands of Cowboys

Field headquarters, near Namiquipa, May 19, (via wireless to Columbus, N. M.)—Twenty-five Mexican cowboys from the Hearst ranch at Babicora broke and scattered a newly formed gang of bandits near Madera, about a week ago, killing 15, wounding one and capturing six, according to news reaching here today.

The band had been organized by Americans and Carransistas. Following the theft of a number of horses from the Hearst ranch for mounts, they began a sort of guerilla warfare. Employes of the ranch surprised the bandits in camp near the ranch Viejo. The six taken prisoner were delivered to Carranzista authorities in

Among the dead were Dominguez and Castillo, the toll bringing the number of Villista slain up to nearly 250 since the American punitive expedition was sent across the border about nine weeks ago.

The cowboys captured 30 horses, a

number of rifles and other booty. 90 Villistas Freed? Columbus, N. M., May 19 .- Ninety Villista prisoners, captured by Amer-ican cavalrymen in the engagement at ojo-Azules, Chihuahua, late in April, have been released, according to civilians returning to the border today. The prisoners were held some days and questioned in an attempt to ob tain information concerning the move-Paris, May 19, (12:01 p. m.)-Vio- ments of the various scattered ban-At military headquarters here the reports concerning the release were retured during the campaign and six of them have been imprisoned in the stockade built here

Soldiers III on Mexican Food. A number of American soldiers en camped between Colonia Dublan and Namiguipa recently became ill after eating food purchased from Mexicans and as a result several of the native were taken into custody, the arrivals ture the small fort on the northeast said. Military authorities have taken slope of Hill 304 which the French danger. Heavy traffic over the motor truck trail from Columbus to Namiquipa has made it almost impassable truck men said. In some places the road, despite efforts of the engineering corps, has become to rutted as to make impossible a greater speed than

three miles an hour. Some of the truckmen reported to the hospital upon their arrival suffering from illnesses presumably caused by the heavy jolting.

Cavalry's Value Proven.

tor trucks to Columbus, N. M., May wage scales in Chicago, and possibly ones.

19.)—One phase of the Villa chase other large cities, Secretary Baker in
"All May be a scale of the Villa chase other large cities, Secretary Baker in-Field Headquarters, May 11 (by monoted by army officers has been that the value of cavalry for scouting and all around fighting has not at all decreased. Notwithstanding the use of aero-

naissance lost none of its military could not scout-in fog, darkness, in The enemy found it impossible clouds. Every important fight with

Few persons, even those with the expedition, realized that the remark-On the right bank of the Meuse and able work of the auto trucks in mainin the Woevre district there was mod- taining the supply line was done largely as an auxiliary for cavalry opera tions. The daily ration for one soi down yesterday by one of our pilots dier averages two pounds, whereas the near St. Menehould; the enemy avia- daily ration for a horse is 11 pounds. tors were taken prisoner. Sub-Lieu- so that the trucks were carrying a tenant Navarre has brought down his heavy proportion of their loads for

Went Without Rations

For several weeks most of the cav Berlin, May 19, (by wireless to Say- alry campaigned without truck ra-The text of the official Austrian re- scanty fodder, but on no feed at all.

"Italian front: In the costal region fought as infantry, that is dismountfog. ference between them and mounted publican national committee. training which enabled them to keep the horses going under conditions se

MOTHERON STAND IN MATTERS CASE

known as "Jessie Bryan," told on the decreed that the election is void and of Holiand. In Norway they have garian losses in these engagements daughter whom the states charges was election expenses of one candidate are bration of Norway's independence, the were enormous. These reports were taken away from the mother after its said to have totaled more than a huninvented in order to diminish the im- birth at Misericordia hospital, Ottawa, dred dollars. pression made by the Italian retreat. Ontario, by Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Matters, who is accused of trymated only by those who hold the bat- ing to foist it on the probate court

ry the father of her child.

CONGRESS APPROPRIATION **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** MUNITIONS FACTORY FUNDS

Practically \$2,000,000 is appropriated in the sundry civil bill, reported today, for Rock Island arsenal. Of this sum \$1,250,000 is provided Atezutro Dominguez and Pedro Castillo, who announced their enmity for a field artillery ammunition plant, which will give employment to several hundred additional men.

sundry civil bill for Rock Island arsenal are for a high service tank and connections \$20,000; for road repairs, \$13,000; for bath and toilet room addition to the barfor manufacturing field artil-lery ammunition at a total cost not exceeding \$1,250,-thorized in the sundry civil or otherwise, \$500,000; for mittee. increasing capacity for manufacture of field artillery velisland arsenal if the bill is reported.

A half million dollar plant employing 1,000 men will be added to Rock.
Island arsenal if the bill is reported. Fort Armstrong avenue, \$4.plant, \$16,000.

CLYDE H. TAVENNER.

Secretary Baker Announces Chicago of the present shops on the main avenue. Scale Likely Will Be Considered Scale Likely Will Be Considered in Wage Demands.

dicated today, probably will be con-sidered in increasing the pay of spe-changes in the plant. The machines cially skilled employes of the Rock Is- are old, having been in use for 16 land arsenal.

most optimistic over prospects of a devices and would add to the power of wage adjustment satisfactory to the plant. workmen. Consideration of the in-creases asked practically has been ness. There are a hundred plants in

patch indicates that the men at the for the assembling of these parts, arsenal who have been threatening to Plants in Moline, Rock Island, Chistrike unless their wage demands were cago, St. Louis and numerous other met have gained their point, which is cities in time of war could make these that the government, in passing on parts just as some of them are making the merits of their case, should con- them now. sider the Chicago scale and not confine it to the scale paid in the shops

REPUB PLATFORM IS BEING LAID OUT

the republican platform which will be It will mean a big addition to the arsealive and serviceable, not only on ham, chairman of the local committee on arrangements for the convention, In all their battles the cavalrymen who returned from New York today after a conference with Chairman C. D.

Strong planks favoring American ism, military preparedness and a protective tariff for the protection American industries, it is said, will be among the important subjects considparty platform.

STUDENT VOTERS USE

students at Drake university, in elect-ents, ing the editor of the Delphic, a school publication, used so-called "Tammany in nine cities of Sweden, seven of Chicago, May 19. Margaret Ryan, methods," the university deans have Switzerland, six of Denmark and three witness stand today her story of her will have to be held over again. The been combined with the national cele-

> Arbitration Sought in Norway. Christiana, Norway, May 19, (10:47

a bill for compulsory arbitration in Miss Ryan, now 20 years old, said order to avert the lockout which the sacrifice of every brave soldier, are she had worked as press feeder in Ot- Employers' association has announced able to declare that the Austro-Hun- twa since she was 12 years of age, had will be put into effect June 3 against small thanks to the ability of the in- for \$4.50 a week. She confessed that feeling here that if the lockout is not

Washington, May 19 .- Item is Included in Sundry Civil Bill Which House is Asked to Pass.

The appropriations in the Step Towards Government Manufacture is Seen in Action at Washington.

(By Associated Press). Washington, D. C., May racks building, \$24,000; for 19.—Plans for facilities at one auto fire engine, \$7,500; Rock Island arsenal for mantoward providing facilities ufacturing field artillery am-000; under a contract or con- bill reported today by the tracts which are authorized house appropriations com-

hicles, \$34,000; for concrete out of the house and receives the inretaining wall on east side of dorsement of the senate, Colonel

700; for two sets of quarters The new plant will be a big step tofor non-commissioned offi- wards government manufacture and preparedness. Not only will munitions cers, \$10,000; for ice making be manufactured, but they will also be

assembled at the plant. "The appropriation means the erection of a plant for the manufacture and assembling of field artillery ammuni-tion," Colonel Burr said. "It will include additions to the waterpower plant to give us more power. The shop will be very modern. It will be perhaps twice the size of one of the present shops and will cost \$500,000. The remainder of the appropriation

will be used in equipping the plant. "The new shop will be located west on a quadrangle, but represent a of architecture long since out of date The plan is to start a new quadrangle

"As far as the waterpower is conyears. We would have to replace the Secretary Baker said today he was wheels and the generators with new

this vicinity that are capable of making parts of field munitions. My idea The foregoing Associated Press dis- is to have a part of the plant as a place

"This is a special appropriation for this plant. It is not the regular apin the cities located near the arsenal, propriation under which we pay our operating expenses for the arsenal in

"In my opinion the bill has an exceptional chance of being passed, if reported out of the house. I think the senate will act favorably upon it. have known for some time that the appropriation was to be incorporated in the bill and its promoters have expressed their belief that it has every Chicago, May 19 .- Preparation of chance of being favorably acted upon.

nal. IN OBSERVING DAY

Stockholm, May 19. - Under the auspices of Henry Ford's neutral conference, meetings were held through Scandinavia, Switzerland and Holland in celebration of the sevenered by those who are drafting the teenth anniversary of the first Hague convention. In Denmark and Sweden the meetings will be continued over several days with a big demonstration in Stockholm on Sunday. At all "TAMMANY METHODS" of the meetings resolutions are adopted urging the neutral governments to call an official conference to arrange Des Moines, Iowa, May 19.—Because for mediation between the beiliger-

These peace meetings are being held

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE. Resumed debate on rivers and harbors appropriation bill, HOUSE.

Regan last day of debate on shipping bill. Sundry civil bill carrying appropriations of \$127,000,000